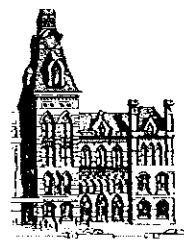




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**Testimony of the City of New Haven
Before the Commerce Committee**

In Support of
**H.B. No. 5519 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE
OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND**

Submitted by
City of New Haven
March 21, 2012

Senator Slossberg, Rep. Morin and members of the Committee. The City of New Haven is pleased to support Sec. 8 of HB 5519, the Conveyance of .52 acres on Ashmun Street in New Haven. The conveyance and removal of previous deed restrictions will enable the parcel to be joined with two abutting City owned properties totaling 1.53 acres and conveyed to the Science Park Development Corporation for development into a daycare center.

The proposed 12,000 square foot daycare will provide 100 slots for children 0-5 years old and will fill a growing need in the Dixwell/Newhallville neighborhood. The daycare will service the growing businesses in Science Park which now employ approximately 1,000 individuals. In addition, as part of the development agreement with the City, the daycare will provide at minimum 15% of slots for neighborhood residents. The facility will offer tuition on a sliding scale to ensure access to low income families.

In addition to removing a barrier to work by providing high quality-accessible childcare, the daycare center will create an additional 12 jobs as it expands to this location from its current home outside the neighborhood. The facility anticipates growing from 10 employees in its present location to 22 full time and 6-8 part time employees at its new home.

This project will help to advance the City's goal of growing jobs, and connecting people to work.

Thank you for your consideration.